

In the Title Amend:

Please delete the present title and insert instead – LIQUID ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC DEVELOPING APPARATUS USING AIR PRESSURE TO HOLD LIQUID DEVELOPER THEREWITHIN --.

In the Drawings Amend:

Please amend Figures 1 and 3 as indicated in red on the attached drawings. A letter to the official Draftsman requesting these amendments to the drawings is attached hereto.

In the Abstract Amend:

Please amend the Abstract, as follows (a clean copy reflecting these amendments has been provided as an appendix):

[The present invention discloses a] A liquid electrophotographic developing apparatus including a developing unit [and an air duct. The developing unit has] with an elongated opening disposed adjacent to [a moving image-bearing surface of] a photoreceptor[, and it is used for converting an electrostatic latent image into a toner image. The] and an air duct [is] provided around the elongated opening.[of the developing unit, and] The air flow [therein] in the air duct has a predetermined air pressure to hold a liquid developer within a space substantially between the developing unit and the image-bearing surface while permitting toner particles in the liquid developer deposited on the image-bearing surface to be retained by the image--bearing surface and [allowing] volatile solvent [in the developer] to be vaporized [into the surrounding atmosphere].